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SUBJ: FOOD RATIONING DEVELOPMENTS

REF: SANTIAGO 1804

1. UNICOOP SUPERMARKET CHAIN EXECUTIVE INFORMED EMBOFF MAY 9 THAT GOC WILL IMPLEMENT PILOT FOOD RATIONING SYSTEM IN THE COMMUNITY OF SAN MIGUEL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS. THIS INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY, LOCATED ON SOUTHERN FRINGE OF SANTIAGO, IS STRONG SOCIALIST PARTY AREA.

2. ACCORDING THIS CONTACT, IDENTIFICATION CARDS WILL BE ISSUED TO EACH FAMILY PARTICIPATING IN PILOT SYSTEM. RATIONED COMMODITIES WILL BE SUGAR, COOKING OIL, FLOUR, TEA, CONDENSED MILK, NOODLES AND SPAGHETTI. THESE COMMODITIES WILL BE SUPPLIED THRU JAPS IN SAN MIGUEL AREA AND ONE UNICOOP SUPERMARKET ALSO LOCATED IN SAN MIGUEL. THIS UNICOOP STORE WILL SELL RATIONED COMMODITIES ONLY TO REGISTERED UNICOOP MEMBERS IN SAN MIGUEL AREA DURING THE RATIONING TRIAL PERIOD.

3. THIS UNICOOP OFFICIAL ALSO STATED THAT GENERAL BACHELET HAD AUTHORIZED UNICOOP TO BEGIN A SEPARATE PILOT RATIONING SYSTEM FOR
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THEIR MEMBERS IN TWO OTHER LOCATIONS. UNICOOP SUPERMARKETS
LOCATED
IN SAN JOAQUIN AND YRARRWZAVALL WILL MAKE UP 10,000 BOXES OF
RATIONED COMMODITIES MONTHLY AND DELIVER THEM TO THE HOMES OF
UNICOOP MEMBERS. PILOT PROJECT WILL ALSO BEGIN WITHIN THE NEXT
FEW DAYS, UNICOOP SAYS.

4. OPPOSITION FORCES, PARTICULARLY MAYORS OF HIGHER- CLASS
RESIDENTIAL

AREAS, CONTINUE OPPOSE FOOD DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UNDER JAP CONTROL
AND
ATTACK BACHELET. LATTER IS BEING STOUTLY DEFENDED BY UP FORCES AND
HAS GIVEN NO PUBLIC INDICATION HE WILL QUIT UNDER FIRE. EVEN THE
MIR HAS RECENTLY PLACED PAID PRESS ADVERTISEMENT IN BACHELET'S
BEHALF-- A DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS NOT LIKELY TO RAISE THE GENERAL'S
CREDIBILITY AS A NON- POLITICAL TECHNICIAN.
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